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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Ronald Stuart Wilson Chew of Oak Park, who passed away on June 7, 2011; and

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WHEREAS, Ronald Stuart Wilson Chew was born on July 15, 1933, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Marjorie Oberhaltzer and Russell Chew; he was married to Karla Hoover Chew, his partner in peace, for 49 years; and

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WHEREAS, He was an insurance statistician, teacher, and Korean War veteran; he graduated from Michigan State University (B.A.) and Roosevelt University (M.A.) in economics; he enjoyed canoeing, skiing, camping, biking, jogging, and hiking (especially in the mountains); he was a social activist for peace, labor, economic, environmental justice, and poverty, volunteered at the Columbus Park Food Pantry and West Suburban PADS, and was a member of Veterans for Peace and the Oak Park Committee for Truth and Justice; and

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WHEREAS, He was a generous contributor to over 65 organizations, including earthquake relief in Haiti, UUSC-UUA, Partners for Peace, Habitat for Humanity, Oxfam, Lambi Fund, Pakistan flood relief, several American Indian educational organizations, and Iraq Veterans Against the War; he also spent

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1 several weeks volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in New
2 Orleans over several years following Hurricane Katrina; and

3 WHEREAS, He was a member and past president of Third
4 Unitarian Church of Chicago and past president of Unitarian
5 Universalists for a Just Economic Community; he could
6 frequently be seen with the group holding anti-war signs at the
7 Austin Boulevard ramp above the Eisenhower Expressway during
8 the early years of the Iraq war.; he and his wife worked with
9 Dick Simpson to found the IVI-IPO (Independent Voters of
10 Illinois-Independent Precinct Organization); he was a longtime
11 member of the Democratic Party of Oak Park and worked for
12 progressive candidates in Oak Park, Chicago, and surrounding
13 communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Ron Chew is survived by his wife, Karla; his son,
15 Ryan Chew (Lindsay Beller); his daughter, Tracey Kugelard
16 (Glenn); his grandsons, Jackson and Carter Kugelard; his
17 sisters, Barbara Roy (David) and Nancy Kitch (Gerald); a niece,
18 2 nephews, and 10 grandnephews and grandnieces, plus his Irish
19 Doodle puppy, Mollie; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
22 his family and friends, the passing of Ronald Chew; and be it
23 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Ronald Chew as a symbol of our
3 sincere sympathy.